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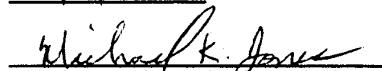
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed April 2, 2002 (paper no. 13), in connection with the above-captioned patent application, the Applicants request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and the following remarks:

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A system for picking up a plurality of submillimeter beads from a bead supply and transferring said beads to a desired location, comprising:


a plurality of projections depending from a support at spaced-apart locations defining an array;

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